

THE TWO DAKOTA'S.

The People Desire Them Admitted as Separate States.

THE QUESTION OF NAMING.

South Dakota an All-Important One. It May be Called Winona—The Citizens Talking up the State.

The First Steps.

St. Paul, Dec. 30.—A vote has been taken by a Deadwood, Dakota, paper on the question of single or double Statehood, and it is shown in a little more than five-sixths of these answering are in favor of division and admission as two States. The answers received are from various parts of Southern Dakota, and those voting are of all occupations and all political faiths. This vote is believed to be a fair representation of the public sentiment on the matter which daily grows stronger. It is generally believed that division and admission are simply questions of time, and while awaiting the outcome with considerable anxiety the people have already begun to look after the prizes to be secured when the two new States are introduced. Every move at the National Capitol is watched for eagerly while a number of Dakota towns are looking after their names and are craning their necks in the hope that they may become the seat of government.

While a few towns are especially anxious to secure that plum, all are united in efforts to bring new settlers into the sparsely settled States. Every resident of the Territory does his utmost to call attention to its advantages, and any and every means are used to emphasize them. With pianos, base ball games, croquet and other outdoor pleasures, Christmas was celebrated, and the weather and the sports were enjoyable. However, there was still the desire to give to the general public a better idea of Dakota's climate than could be conveyed in any other way.

THE SEARCH FOR A NAME.

The search for a name continues. Congressman Springer is said to have decided in favor of "Winona" for the south half of the territory, while "Dakota" will be given to those in the north. It is reported that the name "Winona" is in vogue in this connection. In the selection of names there is a growing feeling in favor of something that will completely overturn all previous ideas of Dakota as a cold country. Many residents feel and claim that exaggerated reports of the climate are also more than they can stand. The name "Winona" is said to be taken up and passed at once after the appropriation bills have been disposed of and by the present Congress would not be altogether surprising, although the people seem to have no objection to it. The Southern half of the Territory has a population sufficient to entitle it to two Congressmen, and action for such legislation is already on foot.

GEN. HARRISON'S SUNDAY.

His Attendance at Church—How the Family Will Spend New Year's Day.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 30.—President-elect and Mrs. Harrison attended church this morning as usual, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. McKee. Since the day of his nomination at Chicago, Rev. Dr. Haines has never returned to General Harrison from the pulpit or in any of his public religious utterances, notwithstanding the General is an elder in his church. This silence on the part of his minister is doubtless in accordance with the wishes of the General, as it is known he is decidedly averse to any distinction being made touching him either by his minister or his brother laymen.

To-morrow evening, New Year's eve, Mrs. Harrison and Mr. McKee will attend the meeting of a society club known as the "Assembly," at the New Denison hotel. The membership of the Assembly embraces nearly all the leading society people of the city both married and single. It is their custom to meet three times each year, and their gatherings generally wind up with a grand ball dress ball.

OPPOSED TO THE INAUGURAL BALL.

Indianapolis Methodist Ministers Will Discuss the Matter.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 30.—The Methodist ministers of the city, some fifteen in number, hold a weekly meeting to consult and outline their work. They will meet to-morrow as usual. Considerable interest attaches to to-morrow's meeting, as it is expected the reverend gentlemen will discuss the grave question of the inaugural ball at Washington.

The crusade against the sinful ball seems to be confined to the Methodist denomination, and unless all signs fail, the denunciation of the subject to-morrow will prove a warm one. Private Secretary Halford will probably attend the meeting as he is a zealous Methodist and sometimes occupies a pulpit for an hour or two.

MRS. SCHOFIELD DEAD.

The Wife of Major General Schofield Succumbs to a Heart Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Schofield, wife of Major General Schofield, died of paralysis of the heart at 7 o'clock this morning. She had been suffering from the effects of a severe cold which developed into bronchial catarrh a few days ago, but was not thought to be in danger until heart failure supervened only an hour or two before her death. Mrs. Schofield was a daughter of Prof. W. H. C. Bartlett, formerly of the United States Military Academy, and now Secretary of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York. The remains will be interred next Wednesday at West Point.

The Person Says They Must Fight.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—The Kilrain-Mitchell party arrived in St. Louis to-day. The party, Davies, stated that a letter had been forwarded to-night to Kilrain's New York lawyer to the effect that he would seek the Sullivan party in Buffalo, N. Y., on January 7, and the person stated that the match will be closed within ten days, or the party who refuses to fight will be shown up.

THE STEAMER BRISTOL BURNED.

Vain Efforts to Save Her—Narrow Escape of the Passengers.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 30.—The steamer Bristol, of the Old Colony line, was burned at her dock this morning, and is a total loss. She arrived from New York about 2:30 a. m., landed her freight and her passengers, and they departed at the usual time for their destination. There was left on board the steamer only a few Newport passengers and their personal baggage. At 6:30 o'clock, just as the last passenger train was drawing out of the depot, fire was discovered on the steamer, and an alarm was at once given from the company's signal on the premises.

The fire started near the kitchen and spread with great rapidity, rendering futile all efforts to stop its progress. Three alarms were sounded in rapid succession. The fire apparatus on the steamer was brought into use as soon as the flames were discovered, and the crew worked with great vigor to save the boat, but the joinder work of the steam rooms, saloon and stairways was as dry as tinder and draughts through the steam pipes caused a fearful rapidity in the spread of the flames, and the city fire department arrived there was a mass of fire sweeping her almost from stem to stern. Some of the passengers still on board did not understand the meaning of the first alarm, and were only aroused by the crackling of the flames near by. All escaped in escaping, but some with only a portion of their clothing and others by crawling over the railing and others by jumping. One man, with two little children, a boy and girl, who occupied a stateroom, was awakened by the sound of crackling flames near by, and barely escaped with his little ones, undressed but with their clothing in their hands. Another young man, who was going to his home in this city, all the personal baggage of the passengers was saved.

DISSATISFACTION IN THE BROTHERHOOD.

Unless a Change is Made in the Mileage System a Big Strike May Result.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The representatives of the various divisions of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers continued their session yesterday. It is generally believed that there is a strong and growing dissatisfaction among the western roads where the classification system is in vogue, and that unless a change is soon made of the mileage system a big strike will be inaugurated. This was the cause of the trouble on the "Q." The classification system prevailed on that road, and the Brotherhood demanded that it be supplanted by the mileage system. This change the "Q" refused to make and the strike followed. A prominent member of the order who came out during the deliberations said to a reporter that the convention will decide last another day. The meeting has no special significance other than that attached to all meetings of the Brotherhood, continued the member. "It represents the Brotherhood in the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and it is with questions relating to the general welfare of the order. The 'Q' strike will be taken up and passed at once after the appropriation bills have been disposed of and by the present Congress would not be altogether surprising, although the people seem to have no objection to it. The Southern half of the Territory has a population sufficient to entitle it to two Congressmen, and action for such legislation is already on foot."

THE IRONY OF FATE.

The Greatest Enemy on Insanity in the Country Loses his Mind.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Notwithstanding the carefully studied efforts to keep the fact from public knowledge, it has leaked out that Dr. Alexander E. McDonald, General Superintendent of the Insane Asylum on Ward's Island, has become insane. It is hoped that the affliction is only a temporary one, and that the one brilliant mind of the great specialist will be restored to its normal condition, but the prospect at the present time is not encouraging. Dr. McDonald has for many years been one of the universally acknowledged authorities in this country on the subject of insanity and its treatment. It seems like a true exposition of the irony of fate that he himself should have been visited with the affliction that he no one was supposed to know better than he how to cure.

A Peculiar Case.

SIoux FALLS, DAK., Dec. 30.—Last Sunday a three year old child of L. P. Oeten, of East Sioux Falls, died from dropsy, and preparations were made to bury the child on Tuesday, but as the ground was very slippery from the recent sleet storm it was postponed until the next day. That night the body showed evidences of returning life. Color would frequently come into different parts of the body and then disappear. There were other evidences of life. The funeral is indefinitely postponed until it is decided whether or not the child is dead.

Coke Workers Want an Advance.

SCOTTDALE, PA., Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the coke workers of the Connellysburg region yesterday, it was decided to demand an advance of 91 per cent at once. The advance is based on \$1.35 per ton for coke, which is ten cents above the present selling price. Twelve thousand coke workers were represented at the meeting.

Pearson Has Not Resigned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—In an interview Postmaster Pearson said concerning the rumor of his resignation: "I have been appointed to fill the term, and that is just what I shall do. About accepting the presidency of an insurance company, I can say nothing more than give a frank denial of the report."

Raiding Minnesota Dives.

TOWER, MINN., Dec. 30.—Another raid was made Friday noon the dives between here and Ely, with the result that two dives were closed, the proprietors chased into the woods and 33 women taken to Ely.

A DESPERADO KILLED.

One of the Hatfield-McCoy Gang Shot by Kentucky Officers

ON THE FLAT TOP MOUNTAIN

While Endeavoring to Arrest Him. He Confesses Before Dying—A Deputy Sheriff Paid Him to Kill McCoy—What He Got.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 30.—David Stratton and Kentucky Bill, armed with a requisition from the Governor of Kentucky for Thomas Wallace, one of the Hatfield-McCoy murderers, found him at Flat Top Mountain, Virginia, on December 24. When ordered to halt he opened fire with a heavy revolver, the ball passing through Stratton's coat. The officers returned the fire and he fell mortally wounded. Wallace and Cap Hatfield killed Jeff McCoy about two years ago. Before his death he stated that he and Hatfield were paid \$50 for the job by Alfred Woolford, a deputy sheriff of Buchanan county, Virginia, and others. The money was placed in Wallace's hands, and was held by him until they did the work. Wallace was arrested shortly afterward, but knocked the jailer down and escaped. He has been running a moonshine distillery near the line between Virginia and West Virginia for several years. It is rumored here that Johnson Hatfield, the worst of the Hatfield-McCoy gang, died last week in Lawrence county, Ky. This is hardly credited in this city by those who are in a position to know.

AN INTERESTING CONTEST.

State Senator Sweeney Likely to Lose His Seat—How He Holds It.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 30.—The interest in the proposed contest of State Senator John D. Sweeney is growing. It will be remembered, is one of the Democratic hold-over members. His election between himself and Hon. Anthony Smith was very close. Sweeney holds his seat by reason of conflicting certificates. Wirt county having issued two sets. Mr. Sweeney also holds certificates which show that he was elected by a majority of eight. Sweeney's revised certificates give him a majority of twelve. On November 16, 1888, the County Commissioners of Wirt county issued to Smith and Sweeney certificates which showed that Sweeney had a majority of eighty-two in the county. Afterward Sweeney was notified that his majority was 102, but the Commissioners never notified Smith that his majority was erroneous. On this suspicion that the Commissioners of Wirt county made out a second certificate for Sweeney to give him the necessary majority, the contest will probably be raised at the January session of the Legislature. Should Sweeney be unseated the Democrats will not have any majority on joint ballot.

Father Tracy Thrown from His Horse.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WESTON, W. VA., Dec. 30.—To-day, while returning from the Leading Creek Mission, Rev. Father Tracy's blooded horse broke through the frozen ground, throwing his reverence to the ground and injuring his shoulder, but not seriously. This is another one of Father Tracy's lucky mishaps, and the third of this year.

A Rich Gusher.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, DEC. 30.—A new oil well on the Thomas Rawland farm, just across the river (from the Eureka, West Virginia, oil field, has been struck by Brown and Higgins. It is putting more than one hundred barrels into the tank every day, and the best well yet struck in the shallow field. Several more new wells are expected to come in a few days.

THE SENATE TARIFF BILL.

The Sub-Committee in Charge of It Arranging the Details.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The full sub-committee of the Senate Finance Committee in charge of the tariff bill was in session yesterday, going over the details of the measure, so far as they have not been passed upon by the Senate, and determining what changes to propose when the consideration of the bill is resumed next week. It is hardly possible that the committee will be engaged to complete the bill's details next year and it will probably be necessary to continue the study of the measure with a view to perfecting it until nearly, if not quite, the date fixed for a final vote upon it.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING.

A Banker's Son Who Has Trichinina—An Incurable Case.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 30.—Two years ago a young man of the town of LeRoy, this county, son of a wealthy banker, became suddenly and painfully ill. From that time until now he has been a great sufferer and the physicians have been unable to satisfactorily diagnose the disease from which he has suffered. Yesterday a physician of this city made a careful microscopic examination of a particle of the patient's flesh and found that it was densely populated with trichinina. It is believed that there is no hope whatever for the extermination of the trichinina and that the sufferer's agonies will find no relief except in death.

SAFE WEIGHED A TROUSAND.

But the Burglars Carried It Off, Using Dynamite at Their Leisure.

LANCASTER, PA., Dec. 30.—Burglars entered the residence of Jacob F. Ward, in Millerville, carried a safe weighing over a thousand pounds to the rear yard and blew it open with dynamite, securing over \$600.

Perishing From Hunger.

ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 30.—A tramp named Hughes, was discovered in a box car on the Pennsylvania Railroad to-day, dying from hunger. Last Wednesday he secreted himself in the car at Newark, N. J., intending to steal his way West. Before leaving Newark the car was locked and was not opened until to-day. The poor fellow had had nothing to eat or drink for five days and when found was speechless. His recovery is doubtful.

Washington Territory Takes Steps.

PORTLAND, ORE., Dec. 30.—Delegates from all counties in Washington Territory will meet at Ellensburg, January 31, to form a State constitution and to memorialize Congress for speedy admission to the Union. The sentiment of the people are unanimously in favor of admission.

IN SPITE OF THE POLICE

Mrs. Parsons, the Anarchist, Speaks in Chicago, Dec. 30.—Anarchist Parsons' dark skinned widow to-day made good her boast that she would speak in Chicago in spite of the police. It was in Waverly Hall, one square from Mayor Roche's office, and is the same place which was closed against her a week ago. Four hundred people were crowded into the little auditorium and scores of others choked up the entrance and stood upon the stairs.

The meeting was one called by the Socialist labor party to transact business and for the promotion of socialistic feeling. The proceedings opened with the introduction of a resolution condemning the police for their recent lawless interference with public meetings. The resolution was unanimously adopted. County Morgan was declared the first speaker. He said the employment of force by workmen was futile. It appealed to the lowest instincts of mankind, and was wrong from a moral, intellectual and practical point of view. He urged the people to stand united in this city by the Haymarket meeting and its results. The meeting was then opened to any one who wanted to talk ten minutes. Mrs. Parsons rose. The crowd cheered when it saw her familiar face.

"I should like very much, some of these days, to answer the assertions Mr. Morgan has made about those who are dead," said she, "but the nurse has gone forth from her. I have never to make another speech in Chicago and that I am to be forever deprived of that liberty under the constitution, but I cannot sit here quietly and hear it said that those who are dead are silent in their tombs had anything to do with the throwing of the Haymarket bomb, though in the war with tyrants all things were justifiable. Those who say anything else are curs. They are murderers. I am for peace on principle. If you see two rival armies approaching each other and take a poll of the men, you will find that the army which is for peace, but they are borne on by force irresistible to the conflict. Before we can have peace in a society like our own rivers of blood will have to run." [Applause.]

A Terrific Explosion.

EVANSTON, DEC. 30.—About eight o'clock this evening flames broke out in Brown row, belonging to the H. C. Frick Coke Company, and four houses were destroyed. The fire was caused by the explosion of two kegs of blasting powder. The house in which the explosion occurred was occupied by Poles. There was a terrific explosion and seven of the men were killed and several injured. One of them, John Bulock, will die.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Captain W. H. Porter, a citizen of Emporia, Kan., was stabbed and killed Saturday at Hamilton by William Smith.

The Secretary of the Treasury Saturday afternoon accepted the following bonds: \$4,000,000 4 per cents, registered, at 104 1/2.

The Pope has written a cordial letter to the prelates in Ireland, informing them that the Holy See is rich gift to each of the Irish cathedrals.

The President Saturday directed the removal of Edward Cushing, Collector of Customs at Belfast, Me., and will nominate his successor in a few days.

William Ogilvie, who has been engaged by the Government since 1877 to explore the Northwest, has returned, having arrived at Edgerton via Lac and Victoria.

The eviction of delinquent tenants at Greedore, County Donegal, was commenced on Wednesday. Troops and police have been ordered thither to assist the landlords, and violent scenes are expected.

President Scott, of the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, has notified Secretary Whitney of his acceptance of the conditions proposed by the department for the official steam trial of the new engine, and that she will be ready in six months.

Charles F. Merle, President of the California Bonemeal and Fertilizer Company, agent of N. K. Fairbank & Co., the Chicago land firm, and a general broker, has disappeared. General rumor places his whereabouts at New Orleans. He had been in business for sixteen years.

The phenomenon of steam and smoke in Charles, Mix county, Dakota, is said to be caused by burning coal. There is a great volume of steam constantly issuing from the crevices, accompanied by a strong sulphurous odor, which is said to be the earth for many feet around is warm.

The grand jury at Chicago Saturday returned the indictments against Messrs. Shaw, Plessner and Taylor for complicity in the bond riot. The charges are those of harboring and receiving stolen property. Otis Corbett, the Iowa man, was indicted on the charge of receiving stolen goods. Lawyer Cutting was released from custody.

Thomas Hayman, of Dayton, Ky., on Saturday night, was watching for chickens when he was shot by a man on the premises acting suspiciously, he fired, and the man fell and died in a few hours. He was a neighbor named William Murdock. Before he died Murdock declared that he was on his own premises when he was shot. Hayman has been arrested.

Over \$60,000 worth of stained glass manufactured in England for the cathedral at Dubuque, Iowa, was seized yesterday by Surveyor McLaughlin. It is held subject to the payment of \$3,000 in duty. The glass is subject to a duty of 45 per cent, notwithstanding the Secretary of the Treasury informed Senator Allison that, being for church purposes, it was exempt.

Mrs. Libbie Belcher, who killed Harry W. King, of Chicago, a few weeks ago, attempted to escape from jail at Omaha Friday evening. As the jailer was opening the woman's cell door, in response to a call, she struck him with her hands and, rushing to the main cell door, began for some one to let her out. After a short desperate struggle she was taken back to her cell.

The Juneau Alaska Free Press says that the statements made by Mrs. Voorhees in regard to the abuse of native women and girls in Alaska are also false in every particular. Denying all the charges, she says: "The civilized people in the wilds of Alaska are as refined and advanced as all good citizens of the United States should be, and none of the horrible acts attributed to them have occurred. The knowledge of the oldest inhabitant."

RIOT IN PENNSYLVANIA.

A Moody Fight Between Toughs—Knives and Pistols Used.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 30.—There was a riot this afternoon about 4 o'clock at the new town of Jeannette. Last night a number of colored men and other employed at Jeannette came to this place and supplied themselves with whiskey and with the aid of unlicensed whiskey shops in Jeannette, high carnival was held there during the morning hours. In the afternoon the colored men became quarrelsome and it became evident that there was trouble ahead. Thirty or forty men gathered in one of the shanties and soon a desperate fight was begun and knives and pistols were brought into play.

William Galvin, who lives in East Greensburg, was terribly cut and it is reported he cannot live, while a colored man named Carroll, had an arm terribly lacerated by a knife. Others are reported to have received dangerous wounds. A messenger was dispatched for Sheriff Byers and Deputy Sheriff Alcorn and posse were sent at once to the scene.

A SAD BROWNING.

A Bag Load of People all Meet Death in the Ohio.

RIVERVIEW, O., Dec. 30.—This morning after midnight, a short distance above here, Mrs. Turner and her little daughter, George Cloyd, the three Brooks brothers and a man whose name is unknown, all colored, attempted to cross the river from Kentucky to Ohio in a small flat-bottomed boat. Some distance from the shore waves from two passing steamboats capsize their little craft, and the seven persons were heard by persons on the steamboats, but darkness prevented the rendering of any assistance. All who perished lived in Kentucky. Not one of the bodies has yet been recovered.

DECEASED THE GOVERNMENT.

Hungarians Arrested for Forgiving International Money Orders.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Dec. 30.—John Hollibrock and Gen. Gambold, two Hungarians, were arrested in Edwinstown last night by United States Marshal Baring, charged with obtaining money from the Kingston postoffice through fraud and forgery. The money was obtained through an international postoffice order for \$80 issued in favor of John J. Haver, an Englishman, who died in Kingston last July. The arrests are looked upon as important as much of that kind of work is going on in and about the coal fields by the Hungarians.

Fighting the Whisky Trust.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 30.—Mr. G. W. Hicks, vice-president and general manager of the St. Paul Distilling Company, who is stopping in this city, said to-night that the Whisky trust, having declared war against the St. Paul Company by reducing the price of high wines ten cents per proof gallon, his company was forced to cut the price of high wines \$1.01, which is three cents under the figure named by the trust.

A Boy's Rashness.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Dec. 30.—This afternoon John Cochran, a small boy, went into a sewer with a lighted match to hunt for a natural gas leak. An explosion followed, which frightfully burned the boy's face and arms, and destroyed the bridge had badly damaged. Trains will be stopped until the bridge is repaired.

Damage to the Mexico.

NEW YORK, DEC. 30.—Fire to-night on board the steamer Mexico, which recently arrived from Havana, did about \$3,000 damage. There was considerable excitement for a while and ten firemen were overcome by the fumes of burning tobacco, the main cargo of the steamer.

King of Wurtemberg Indignant.

LONDON, DEC. 30.—A dispatch from Nice to the Morning Post says: The health of the King of Wurtemberg is unsatisfactory. His Majesty is indignant at his ministers' opposition to the return of his American friends. The Queen of Wurtemberg has arrived here.

Ex-Senator Mordecai Dead.

BATIMORE, MD., Dec. 30.—Hon. Moses Mordecai died to-day of ossification of the heart, aged 55 years. He was a native of South Carolina and represented that State in the United States Senate for two terms preceding the rebellion.

Harry Lindley at the Grand.

This evening that old time favorite actor, Harry Lindley, supported by a fine organization selected for the purpose, will open at the Grand Opera House a week of humanely popular comedies. The opening play will be "Over the Hills to the Poor House," which was written by D. R. Locke, "Petroleum V. Nabby," and has had considerable success on the stage. Mr. Lindley is an old-school actor of well-known ability, and his support is highly spoken of everywhere that it has been seen. The character of the engagement assures good business for the week, and the opening house-to-night may be expected to be a large one.

The Kimball Opera Company closed.

its week's engagement at the Grand Saturday with two performances of "The Mikado," to good audiences. They are in Pittsburgh this week.

"Among the Pines."

Of this drama, to be given at the Opera House this evening, the Philadelphia Press says: It tells a clean story, full of those touches of humanity which appeal to the average audience. There is a country school house scene with an exceedingly pretty little girl as the principal actor in it, and a sawmill scene, with a real waterwheel and genuine saw in operation, in which a couple of songs and a dance are introduced. In fact there is a domestic feeling about the play. In spite of the necessary villainy, which sent the audience away feeling all the better for it.

A New Coal and Coke Co.

Secretary of State Walker has issued a certificate of incorporation to "The Booth-Bowen Coal and Coke Company," which has for its purposes the coal and manufacturing coke and doing a general mercantile business. The principal place of business is to be Brannwell, Mercer county.

The sum of \$50,000 has been subscribed to the capital stock, \$30,000 of which is paid in and the privilege of increasing to \$100,000 is reserved; shares are \$100 each and are held by William Booth of Shamokin, Pa., James Booth Jr. of P. Bowen, Henry Bowen and J. W. Troy, of Freeman, W. Va.

Doctors' Bills.

Nearly all diseases originate from infection of the liver, and this especially the case with chills and fever, intermittent fever, malaria, dysentery, etc. To save doctors' bills and ward off disease take Simmons Liver Regulator, a medicine that increases in popularity each year, and has become the most popular and best endorsed medicine for the cure of all diseases of liver or bowel diseases.—Telegraph, Dubuque, Ia. 12/30/88

SOME CURRENT TOPICS

Handled by Rev. Dr. Cushing of the Fourth Street Church.

IN AN ENTERTAINING STYLE

In His Sermon Last Night—Political Bribery, the Partisan Press, the Liquor Interests and the Romish Church His Topics.

There was delivered at the Fourth Street M. E. church last evening by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Cushing, who recently came here from Rochester, a sermon on some very live current topics, that was listened to very attentively and caused not a little comment.

Dr. Cushing's text was 1 Samuel viii: 3. "And his sons walked not in his ways but turned aside after lucre and took bribes, and perverted judgment."

A brief history of Samuel was given and attention called to the fact that the righteousness of that good judge was productive of good government. Wicked and unprincipled men in positions of leadership, lead the people into corrupt practices, the fruits of which are always evil. The peace and prosperity of this Nation is imperiled by bad leaders, and the bribery, dishonesty and anarchistic outbreaks that have taken place in the past few years, are but the natural result of bad leadership, and threaten the Nation's existence in a way to cause serious thought.

The public press is in some measure responsible for this state of affairs. Dr. Cushing referred to the way in which partisan papers speak of the President, the executive head of the Nation. Their efforts seem to be to degrade him and to constantly refer to him in contemptuous language.

Dr. Cushing also pointed out what has been said of Cleveland by other papers was used to illustrate this point. Such language destroys all respect and ought to be frowned upon by all decent journalists.

Dr. Cushing also pointed out the danger to the Nation and others in position, by partisan papers, tends greatly to breed a spirit of anarchy. The deliberate misrepresentation by party papers debauches the conscience of the people and is one of the most serious evils of the day. It is the very ones who should be the guardians of morals.

CLEVELAND'S MESSAGE.

Everyone of common intelligence, he said, knows that the partisan press deliberately misrepresented President Cleveland in the last campaign. As an example, Dr. Cushing referred to what was published about Cleveland's message on the reduction of the tariff. He said that the message was one favoring the most free trade. Every one knew that the charge was a false one; Cleveland himself said that the only thing he favored was an equalizing reduction of the tariff. Similar misrepresentations have been made in former campaigns, and there is not much difference in the great political parties as regards this dangerous style of journalism.

Corruption and bribery was Dr. Cushing's second head. Both are resorted to for election success. Such a condition of affairs has been reached that it is necessary to resort to such practices to secure one's election. As an illustration of this, he told of a man in Bradford who was a pronounced temperance man. He was elected to Congress, and a friend said to him: "I hope that you will not do as those lads and are doing—place money in the hands of the liquor interest to aid in your election?" The answer was "I shall have to place in all the more prominent saloons, or be defeated." And temperance man though he was, that was what he did.

Bribery has been carried on in New York City by the Democracy for years. The city has been in a state of corruption during the past two years were referred to. Bribery in elections and public office is not confined alone to New York nor to one party. Judge Daniels of the New York Supreme Court was quoted as saying: "The election of a President is a matter of money and property in influence and controlling votes is not wholly confined to the illiterate, irresponsible or vicious classes. Instances are not rare by any means in which intelligent people, of high character and high standing in their habits and deportment, vote as they are influenced and rewarded by money."

CORRUPT ELECTIONS.

"The vice, or crime, as it may be more correctly designated, is one of appalling magnitude, having a direct tendency to undermine the foundation on which the National and State governments are based. It is a crime which is maintained in the future, for they can scarcely stand only on the intelligence and political integrity of the voters themselves."

In proof of the truth of his statement the New York Mail and Express, the highest toned Republican paper in the country, concedes that the National Republican Committee paid out on the eve of the election \$150,000 for the purchase of votes in the State of New York. It has no room to object to or condemn except for the villain who took the money but delivered 30,000 less votes than promised. The Christian Union, continued Dr. Cushing, expresses amazement that the service to supervise and sell the vote should be so grossly abused.

Referring to New York City leads me to digress to speak of the governments of our great cities. On this depends one of the most important questions of the day. The election of a Mayor in New York is more important than the election of the Governor of the State. The Mayor has more patronage to dispose of, more money to control, more influence to exercise, and is the ruler of the worst people to control. Cities should never be governed by any political party; the temptation is too great. The best men of all parties should combine to provide the government of the city. We can never have hope for the best governments in any other way. An honest partisan election of a Mayor for New York is impossible.

Mayor Hewitt was the best mayor New York has had for years; he was supported by her London Comedy company, will appear at the Opera House, Thursday evening the performance will commence with "A Game of Cards" (first time here) to be followed by "My Master's Voice," in which Miss Vokes will sing "The Song of the White Dove" and conclude with "The Rough Diamond" (first time here). Friday evening the bill will be "Tears" (first time here), "Uncle's Will," in which Miss Vokes will sing the song of the White Dove, and the comedy, under the supervision of Dr. Becking, will be novel and interesting.

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